

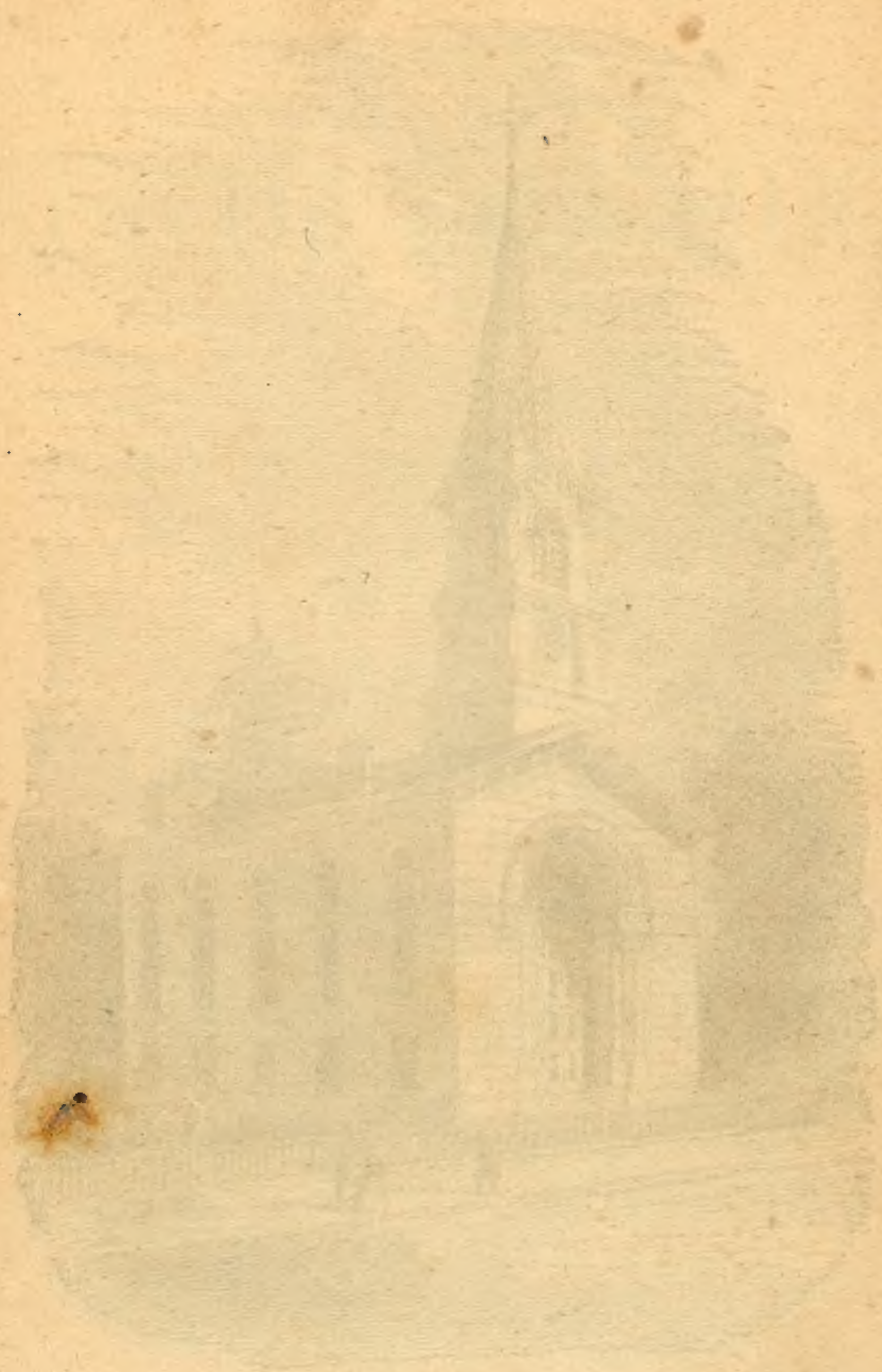
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PREFACE.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL READING BOOK has been prepared with special reference to the great end which the Sunday-school has in view—the promotion of the spiritual welfare of the young. This end has been had constantly in view. It is hoped that the Lord will own the work, and use it for the glory of his grace.

The work has been prepared primarily as a reading-book. But it may also be used for instruction in spelling, if desired. Many very successful teachers have been accustomed to teach the young to read by the eye without spelling. They point out and name the words in successive paragraphs. Afterwards they call upon the pupil to spell the words in their order. These lessons may be thus used by those who desire it. It will no doubt be found a ready way to teach the young to read, and to prepare them for the further lessons of the Sunday-school.

THE MUSICAL ALPHABET.



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The time signature is 4/4. The notes are as follows:

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A B C D E F G H I
J K L M N O P Q R
S T U V W X Y Z



a b c d e f g h i j
k l m n o p q r s t
u v w x y z &

PICTURE ALPHABET.



A
ANNA reads
her book.



B
This boy
blows his
BUBBLE.



C
The CHICK-
ENS are
eating.



D

The DOVE is
a most gen-
tle bird.



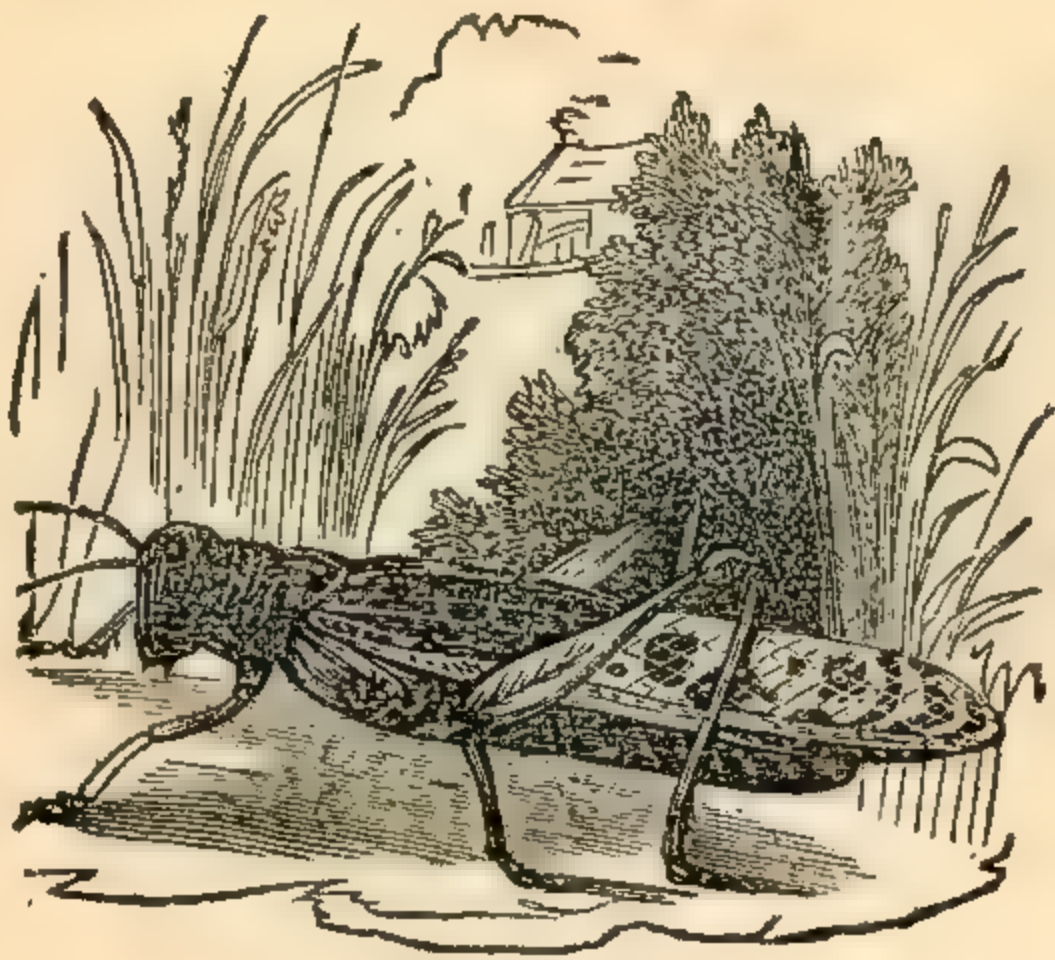
E

ELLEN has a
nice little pet
in a cage.



F

The FOX can
run fast and
is very sly.



G
The GRASS-
HOPPER
jumps.



H
The HIVE is
full of
honey.



I
The IDLE
boy sits on
the gate.

**J**

JOHN is a
good boy.

**K**

Little KATY
is playing
in the field.

**L**

See how the
L I L Y
grows.



M
MARY loves
 to read her
 Bible.



N
 The **NEWS-**
BOY sells
 his papers.



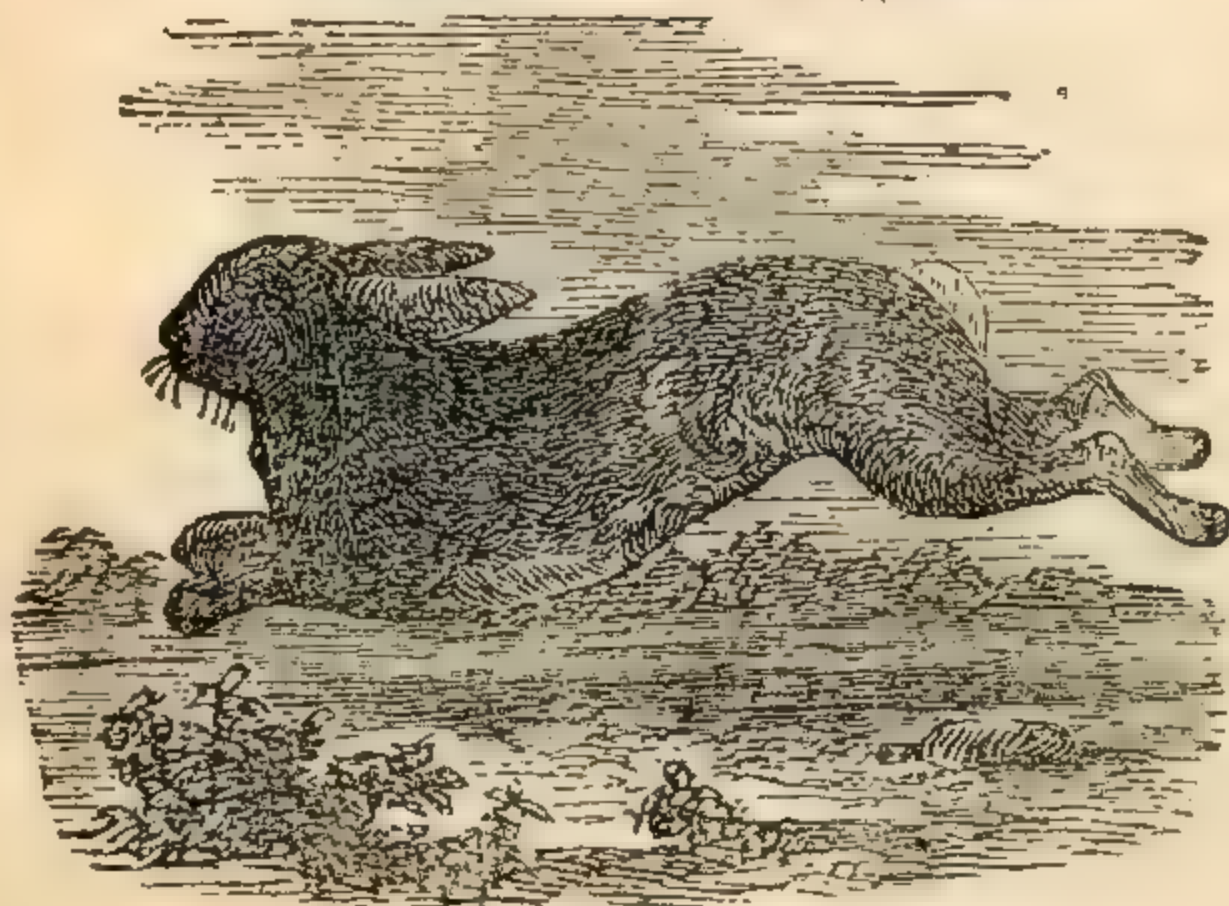
O
 The girl
 looks out on
 the **OCEAN.**



P
The PIGEON
stands on
the tree.



Q
The QUAIL
is on the
ground.



R
The RABBIT
runs with
speed.



S
The SHIP
sails on the
water.



T
THOMAS
teaches his
little dog.



U
UNCLE John
has a wood-
en leg.



V

The VIL-
LAGE school
is out.



W

The WATCH
is in Ella's
hand.



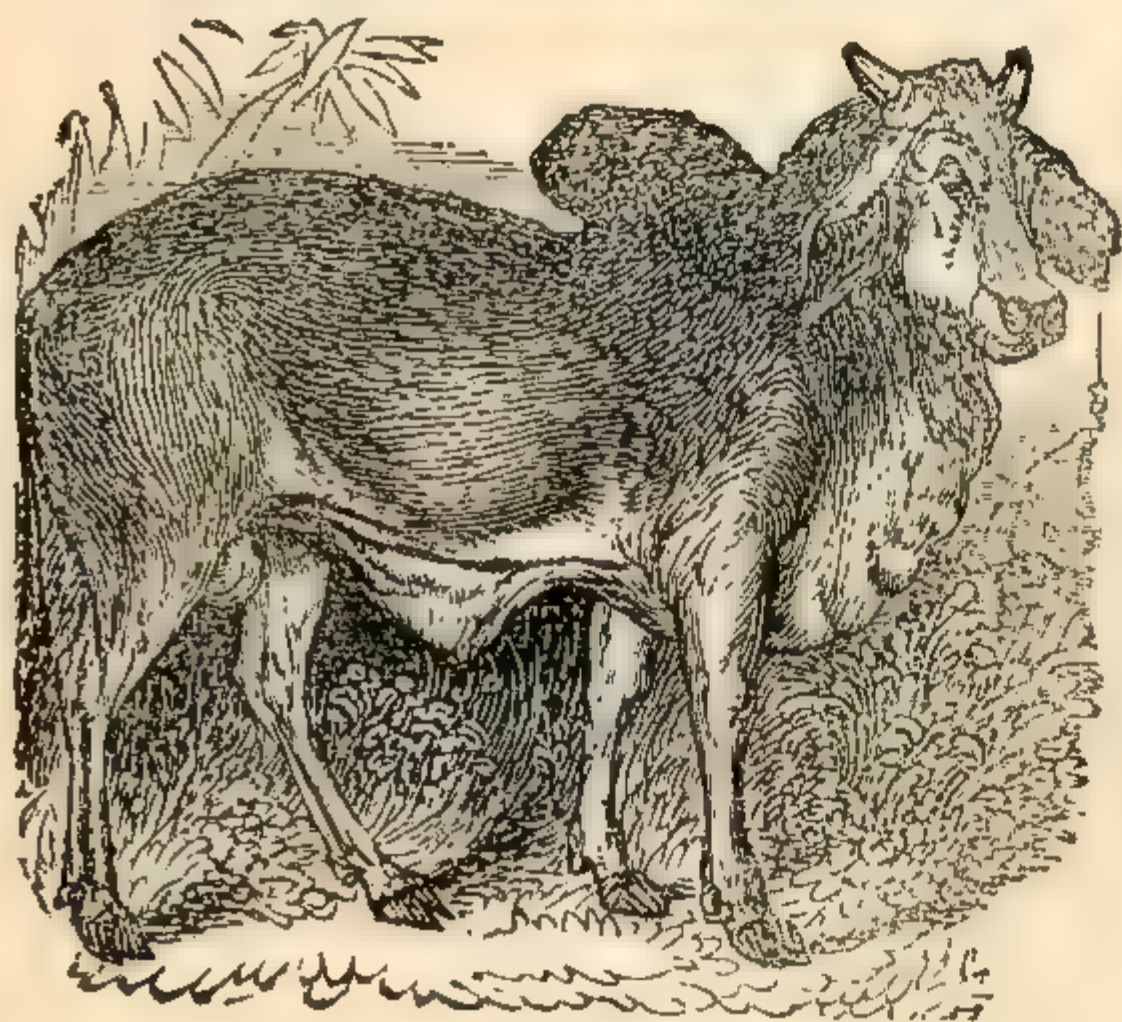
X

XERXES
is on his
throne.



Y

This YOUTH
is very idle.



Z

The ZEBU
has a hump
on its back.

SPELLING LESSON.

Boy

Girl

High

Bird

Gate

Honey

Blows

Good

Hand

Back

Gentle

Hump

Bible

Grows

Has

LESSON II.

Late	Make	Nail
Leaf	Mate	Name
Leap	Mean	Near
Learn	Mind	Neat
Light	Mock	Nigh
Long	Mole	Night
Loud	Mute	Note
Love	Mule	Noise

LESSON III.

Pair	Rack	Sand
Part	Rail	Same
Pear	Rain	Seal
Pine	Read	Send
Port	Ring	Sing
Pound	Rose	Sort
Pure	Room	Soul
Place	Round	Sure

SCRIPTURE LESSONS.

LESSON I.

THE BIBLE.



1. THE Lord our God is a great God. It is his hand that has made us. And every day he is doing us good.

2. We cannot see God. He is a Spirit. But

he can see us always. And he knows all that we think, or say, or do.

3. He does not speak to us with his voice, so that we can hear his words. But he has sent to us the Bible to tell us how great and how good he is.

4. He tells us in the Bible that he wishes us to love him, and to obey him because we love him. Those who do not love and obey him sin against him.

5. We read in the Bible that God will punish sin. If he should punish us for all our sins we never could be happy again.

6. But God has said that he has no pleasure in the death of the sinner.

7. The Bible tells us that God sent his own Son to die in the place of sinners, so that those who trust in him might live forever and ever.

8. Jesus Christ his Son loved sinners very much. How much they should love him who died for them!

LESSON II.

THE CREATION OF THE WORLD.

1. The Bible tells us that in six days God made the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them. He made them all by his power.



2. On the first day he said, Let there be light, and there was light. And God called the light day, and the darkness he called night.

3 On the second day he made the heaven above our head.

4. On the third day he made the sea and the dry land, and put each in its own place.

5. And he made the earth to bring forth grass and herbs and trees. And he saw that it was all good.

6. On the fourth day he put lights in the heavens to give light upon the earth. And God made two great lights. He made the sun to rule the day, and the moon to rule the night; and he made the stars also.

7. On the fifth day he made birds to fly in the air, and the whales and fish to swim in the sea.

8. On the sixth day he made the beasts of the field. He also made man in his own image, to be lord ever all the earth.

9. Thus God made the heavens and the earth, and all that in them is, in six days; and he rested on the seventh day.



LESSON III.

THE GARDEN OF EDEN.



1. When God created Adam he put him in the Garden of Eden, to dress it and keep it.

2. And the Lord God said to him, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

3. But he also told him, Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

4. Now the serpent came to the woman, and tempted her to eat of that tree. He said to her, Ye shall not surely die.

5. And when she saw that the tree was good for food and pleasant to the eyes, she took of the fruit and did eat, and gave unto Adam, and he did eat.

6. Thus they both did sin against God who had been so good to them. And they were afraid, and went away and hid themselves from the Lord among the trees.

7. But God came and called to them. He asked them what they had done, and they told him of their sin. He then sent them forth out of the garden to till the ground all the days of their life. Thus sin came into the world which God had made good.

LESSON IV.

CAIN AND ABEL.

1. After God had sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, they had two sons.

2. Cain, the elder son, was a tiller of the



ground. His brother Abel was a keeper of sheep.

3. Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. Abel brought lambs from his flock.

4. Abel loved God, and God accepted his

offering ; but Cain's offering God did not accept.

5. This made Cain very angry. The Lord said to him, Why art thou wroth ? If thou do well, shalt thou not be accepted ? But Cain did not repent and do well.

6. One day, when he and Abel his brother were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel and killed him.

7. And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother ? And he said, I know not. Am I my brother's keeper ?

8. Cain told a lie unto God, but God sees and knows all things. God knew that Cain had killed his brother.

9. Then God said to Cain, Thou art cursed from the earth. And God sent Cain away from his home to wander about on the earth.

10. Cain was very unhappy, and he said, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

LESSON V.

THE DELUGE.

1. God gave Adam and Eve another son after the death of Abel. He was called Seth.



2. Some of the children of Seth loved God and tried to please him. The children of Cain were wicked.

3. Seven hundred years after Adam died there were a great many people in the world. But they were all wicked.

4. Only one man loved and served God. His name was Noah.

5. God was angry with the wicked people, and he told Noah that he meant to destroy them all with a flood.

6. God told Noah to build an ark large enough to hold Noah, his wife, his three sons and their wives; and two of every kind of living creature.

7. Noah did as God told him, and they went into the ark. Then the flood came.

8. The rain came down for forty days and forty nights. The waters rose above the tops of the highest mountains.

9. Only Noah was alive and they that were with him in the ark. God took care of them.

10. When the waters had gone down and the earth was dried, God said to Noah, Go forth out of the ark.

LESSON VI.

THE OFFERING OF ISAAC.

1. There was a servant of God whose name was Abraham. He had a son named Isaac.

2. One day, God said to Abraham, Take



now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and offer him for a burnt-offering.

3. Abraham rose up early in the morning and took Isaac, his son, and went to the place of which God had told him.

4. On the third day Abraham saw the place where God had told him to offer up Isaac.

5. Isaac carried the wood for the burnt-offering, and Abraham took the fire and a knife.

6. When they came to the place, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

7. And Abraham took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here am I.

8. And the angel said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God.

9. And Abraham saw behind him a ram caught in a bush by his horns. And he offered up the ram instead of his son.

10. And God blessed Abraham, because he had obeyed the voice of the Lord.

LESSON VII.

JOSEPH AND HIS BRETHREN.



1. Isaac had two sons, Esau and Jacob.
2. Jacob had twelve sons. One of them was named Joseph. Jacob loved Joseph more than all his children: therefore Joseph's brethren hated him.
- 3 Jacob's sons went far from home to take

care of their sheep, and Jacob sent Joseph to see if they were all well.

4. When they saw Joseph coming they said to each other, Let us kill him.

5. But Reuben said, Let us cast him into this pit. He meant to take him out of the pit and take him home to their father.

6. But some men passed by who were going to Egypt with things to sell; which were carried on the backs of camels.

7. Joseph's brethren drew him up out of the pit, and sold him to these men. Then they dipped Joseph's coat in blood and took it home to their father.

8. Jacob thought some wild beast had killed Joseph, and he mourned for him many days.

9. God was with Joseph in Egypt and blessed him. And at last the king made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

10. Joseph forgave his unkind brothers, and gave them homes in Egypt. His old father, Jacob, came with them. He was very glad that Joseph was yet alive.

LESSON VIII.

THE FINDING OF MOSES.



1. About sixty years after the death of Joseph, there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph.

2. This new Pharaoh feared and hated the

children of Israel. He and his people set taskmasters over them, who made their lives bitter with hard bondage.

3. And Pharaoh ordered every son that was born to be cast into the river.

4. At this time Moses was born. His father's name was Amram, of the house of Levi.

5. His mother, Jochabed, hid him for three months, and when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes and daubed it with slime and pitch.

6. She put the child in it, and laid it by the river's brink. And his sister, Miriam, stood afar off to watch.

7. The daughter of Pharaoh came down with her maidens to the river. And when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it.

8. When she opened it, the babe wept. She pitied it, and she brought him up as her own son.

LESSON IX.

THE GIVING OF THE LAW.



1. When Moses grew to be a man he left the court of Pharaoh, and went to live in Midian.

2. When he had been there forty years, God sent him back to Egypt to tell Pharaoh to let the children of Israel go.

3. Pharaoh refused; but, after suffering many plagues, he at last let them go.

4. But when they were gone, Pharaoh went after them to bring them back. He followed them to the Red Sea.

5. There God told Moses to stretch forth his rod, and the waters of the sea divided, so that the people went over on dry land.

6. Pharaoh and his army followed. Then God told Moses to stretch forth his hand again. And the waters came again, and Pharaoh and his army were all drowned.

7. The children of Israel journeyed on till they came to Mount Sinai. There they encamped. And the Lord called Moses up to the top of the mount, and Moses went up.

8. And Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. There the Lord gave the law to Moses. It was written on two tables of stone.

LESSON X.

THE FIERY SERPENTS.

1. While the children of Israel were journeying through the wilderness, they often sinned against God.



2. At one time the people were weary with the long journey ; and they spake against God and against Moses.

3. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people ; and they bit the people, and many died.

4. Then the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned; for we have spoken against the Lord and against thee: pray unto the Lord that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people.

5. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole; and every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.

6. And Moses made a serpent of brass and put it upon a pole; and if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass he lived.

7. Our Lord Jesus Christ spoke of this serpent of brass when he said, As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

8. Every one, old or young, who has heard that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, ought to believe, or trust in him, and to love him.

LESSON XI.

SAMSON.

1. Samson was raised up by the Lord to judge and defend the children of Israel. The Lord gave him very great strength.



2. Once a young lion roared against him. Samson took hold of it and rent it as he would have rent a kid. And he had nothing in his hand.

3. At another time his enemies were lying in wait to sieze him as he came out of the city of Gaza.

4. At midnight he rose up and took the gates of the city and carried them away.

5. At length his enemies siezed him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him, and made him to grind in his prison-house.

6. His strength was in his hair. This they had caused to be cut off before he was taken. So his strength had left him. But as it grew again his strength came back to him.

7. One day, his enemies, the Philistines, had made a feast in honor of their god Dagon. They called for Samson to make sport for them.

8. When he came he took hold of the pillars of the house. Then he bowed himself with all his might. The house fell, and he died with a great multitude of the enemies of Israel.

LESSON XII.

SAMUEL.

1. When Samuel was a very young child, his mother, Hannah, brought him to the house of the Lord.



2. She wished him to serve the Lord in his house all his life. So she left him with Eli, the high-priest. Hannah came to see her little son every year.

3. One night when Samuel was laid down to sleep, the Lord called Samuel, and he answered, Here am I.

4. And Samuel ran to Eli, for he thought Eli called him. But Eli knew that it was the Lord who had called the child.

5. So when the Lord called as before, Samuel, Samuel, the child said, Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth.

6. Then the Lord told Samuel that he would punish the sons of Eli, for they were very wicked.

7. When morning came, Samuel opened the doors of the house of the Lord, but he feared to tell Eli what God had said.

8. Eli asked him: then Samuel told him. Eli was very sorry, but he said, It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good.

9. One day, in a battle, the sons of Eli were killed, and the ark of God was taken. When Eli heard it he fell down dead.

10. Samuel judged Israel all his life.

LESSON XIII.

DAVID AND GOLIATH.



1. In the days of Samuel the people asked to have a king ; and God told Samuel to make Saul king over Israel.

2. When Saul was at war with the Philis-

tines, a large and very strong man, named Goliath, of Gath, came to defy Israel. But no man dared to fight with him.

3. David, the son of Jesse, came to see his brothers who were in the army. He heard the proud words of Goliath, and he said he would go out to fight him.

4. Saul said to him, Thou art not able to fight with him, for thou art but a youth.

5. David told Saul that while keeping his father's sheep, he had killed a lion and a bear which had attacked them.

6. And David said, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of the Philistines.

7. So David took only his sling and some stones, and God gave him the victory. He killed Goliath, and the enemy fled.

8. After Saul was dead, David was made king. He had many troubles, but he always trusted in God to deliver him. He reigned over Israel forty years.

LESSON XIV.

ELIJAH AND THE WIDOW'S SON.

1. A very wicked king, named Ahab, once ruled in Israel.

2. God sent Elijah to tell Ahab that there should be no rain for a long time.



3. God told Elijah to go and hide near a brook. And God sent ravens with bread and meat for Elijah twice every day. And Elijah drank of the water in the brook.

4. At last the brook dried up. Then God sent Elijah to a place where a widow lived who would feed him.

5. He met the poor widow near the gate of the city and asked her for bread. She told him she had only a handful of meal and a little oil, and when she and her son had eaten that, they must die; for there was very little food in the land.

6. Elijah told her to make a little cake for him first. And he said that her meal and oil should last till God sent rain again on the earth. The widow obeyed Elijah, and he lived in her house many days.

7. One day her son fell sick and died. The widow was very sorry. But Elijah said, Give me thy son. And he took him and laid him upon his own bed. And he prayed and said, O Lord my God, I pray thee let this child's soul come into him again. And the Lord heard the prayer of Elijah, and the child lived again. And Elijah gave him to his mother.

8. When Elijah had done all that the Lord wished him to do on earth, it pleased God to take him to heaven without dying.

LESSON XV.

ELISHA AND THE MOCKING CHILDREN.

1. Elisha was one day ploughing with his oxen, when Elijah passed by and cast his mantle upon him.



2. Elisha knew that this meant that he was to follow Elijah. So he said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and I will follow thee.

3. When Elijah was taken up into heaven

by a chariot of fire, Elisha saw him go up. And he took up the mantle of Elijah which fell from him.

4. Then Elisha went back to the river Jordan, and he smote the water with the mantle, and called on the Lord God of Elijah. Then the waters parted, and Elisha went over on dry ground.

5. The sons of the prophets saw this; and they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest upon Elisha. And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

6. Elisha was then at Jericho. As he went from there to Beth-el, little children came out of the city and mocked him, saying, Go up, thou bald head! Go up, thou bald head!

7. And there came two she-bears out of the wood, and tore forty-two of the children.

8. We see from this that God takes notice of those who scoff at his people, and that he is angry with them. Those who love God love the children of God.

LESSON XVI.

JONAH.

1. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh and tell the people that God would destroy their city, because they were very wicked.



2. Jonah was afraid to go; so he went on board a ship that was going out to sea.

3. The Lord sent out a great wind, and there was a mighty storm on the sea.

4. The sailors were very much afraid. Jonah knew that the storm was sent because he had not obeyed the Lord.

5. He said to the sailors, Take me up and cast me forth into the sea. So shall the sea be calm.

6. The men tried to bring the ship safe to land. They could not. At last they took Jonah and cast him into the sea. Then the sea became calm.

7. The Lord had sent a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. Then the fish threw him up on the dry land.

8. The Lord then told Jonah again to go to Nineveh. This time Jonah obeyed at once. He went to Nineveh and told the people that in forty days their city would be destroyed.

9. Then the king and all the people were very sorry. They turned from their evil ways and prayed to God. And God heard their cry and did not destroy their city.

LESSON XVII.

DANIEL.

1. Daniel loved God, and God blessed him greatly and gave him favor in the eyes of the King of Persia.



2. Daniel prayed to God; but the king, the princes, and the people prayed to idols.

3. The princes hated Daniel and wished to destroy him. They got the king to make a

law that no one should offer any request to any one except the king for thirty days. If any man broke this law he was to be cast into a den of lions.

4. Daniel knew that this law was made, but he prayed to God three times a day as he did before.

5. The princes saw him praying; so they went to the king and told him that Daniel must be cast into the den of lions.

6 The king was very sorry, but he could not change the law. So Daniel was cast to the lions.

7. The king could not sleep that night. Very early in the morning he went in haste to the den of lions, and he called in a very sad voice to Daniel.

8. Daniel cried out, O king, my God hath sent his angel and hath shut the lions' mouths. They have not hurt me.

9. The king was glad and took Daniel out of the den. And he said that all men should fear before the God of Daniel.

LESSON XVIII.

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.



1. Jesus Christ was the son of God. He came into this world to seek and to save lost sinners. He was born in Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, nearly two thousand years ago.

2. When he was born, wise men in the East saw his star and came to worship him. They found him in a stable with his mother, Mary.

3. When they came to him they offered to him the gifts which they had brought.

4. While Jesus was a child he lived in the town of Nazareth. He was always obedient. He never did any thing that was wrong. He never spoke a bad word. He never thought an unholy thought.

5. When he grew to be about thirty years old he began to go about the land of Judea preaching the gospel. He also healed the sick, he raised the dead, and did many good works.

6. There were twelve men, who were called apostles, that went with him wherever he went. He taught them carefully, and they saw all the wonderful works that he did.

7. The common people were very glad to hear his kind words, and to see his gracious acts. A large number of them followed him, for they were sure that he was a teacher sent from God.

LESSON XIX.

CHRIST BLESSING CHILDREN.



1. One day some Jewish parents brought their little children to Jesus that he should put his hands on them. His disciples did not want him to be troubled by them, and would have kept them away.

2. But Jesus was displeased and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

3. He then took them up in his arms, and put his hands upon them and blessed them.

4. Jesus was always kind to children. Once a child was very much afflicted with an evil spirit. His father came to the Lord and asked him to heal his son. Jesus pitied the sorrowful father, and rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child.

5. At another time a little girl, about twelve years old, was very ill. Her father came to Jesus and asked him to come and heal her. But before he reached the house a messenger came to say that she had died.

6. Jesus, however, went to the house and took the little girl by the hand and said, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.

7. The little girl at once came to life again, and he gave her to her parents.

LESSON XX.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

1. Jesus often preached to the people. Once he went up into a mountain and when he was set his disciples came unto him. And he



opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

2. Blessed are the pure in spirit; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,

3. Blessed are they that mourn ; for they shall be comforted.

4. Blessed are the meek ; for they shall inherit the earth.

5. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness ; for they shall be filled.

6. Blessed are the merciful ; for they shall obtain mercy.

7. Blessed are the pure in heart ; for they shall see God.

8. Blessed are the peacemakers ; for they shall be called the children of God.

9. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake ; for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

10. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you for my sake.

11. Rejoice and be exceeding glad ; for great is your reward in heaven.

LESSON XXI.

JESUS WALKING ON THE SEA.



1. One evening Jesus had told his disciples to get into a ship and cross the sea of Tiberias.
2. He himself remained behind and went up into a mountain alone to pray.

3. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

4. It was almost morning when Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. They were at first troubled, and cried out for fear.

5. But Jesus said unto them, It is I: be not afraid. Peter said to him, Lord, if it be true, bid me to come unto thee on the water. And Jesus said, Come.

6. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But, when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, Lord, save me.

7. Jesus stretched forth his hand and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship those that were in the ship worshiped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

LESSON XXII.

PETER DENYING CHRIST.

1. The Apostle Peter was very rash. He trusted too much to himself, and did not know how weak and sinful he was.



2 The night before his crucifixion the Lord Jesus said to his disciples, All ye shall be offended because of me this night.

3. Peter said unto him, Though all men

shall be offended because of thee, yet will I never be offended.

4. Jesus knew what was in his heart, and said, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

5. The chief priests and rulers were seeking to put Jesus to death. So they sent men to take him by night and bring him to the high-priest's palace, where he was to be tried.

6. Peter followed him afar off, and entered into the palace also. Here a damsel saw him and said, 'Thou also wast with Jesus of Nazareth. He denied it.

7. Soon after another said the same thing to him. He denied it again, with an oath.

8. After a time others said that he had been with Jesus. - Then began he to curse and swear, saying, I know not the man.

9. Then the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord. And he went out and wept bitterly.

LESSON XXIII.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST.



1. The Jews who had laid hands on Jesus were eager to have him put to death.
2. They laid many things falsely to his

charge; for he had never done or said any thing that was wrong.

3. But he was condemned to die the cruel and shameful death of the cross.

4. He was to be taken to a place outside the gates of the city of Jerusalem, where he was to die.

5. They first laid his cross upon him, and he went forth bearing it. But on their way they laid it on a man named Simon to bear it after Jesus.

6. When they came to the place, there they nailed him to the cross. The nails were driven through his hands and his feet.

7. While hanging on the cross he was mocked by those about him. But he prayed for those who hated him, Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.

8. He died for our sins, according to the Scriptures. And now God will receive and bless and save all those who trust in Jesus Christ his Son.

RELIGIOUS AND MORAL LESSONS.

LESSON XXIV.

CHARLES BICKING.



1. Charles Bicking was a great grief to his mother. She sent him to Sunday-school; but

his teacher would often see him lounging about instead of going to school.

2. At length he became so bad that he had to be expelled from the school. His teacher had been faithful to him; but her labor all seemed lost.

3. Soon after this, his mother sent him away from home to work on a farm.

4. One day he was in a field by himself, hoeing corn. Some of the lessons he had learned in Sunday-school began to come back to his mind.

5. He thought of his sins and was so much troubled that he could no longer work. He went into the woods near by, and knelt down to pray.

6. While in the woods he remembered the words of his teacher, "Do not forget, my dear boys, that Jesus Christ is able to save to the uttermost those who come unto God by him."

7. It was what he needed. He was enabled to believe in Jesus; and four months after he came back to the Sunday-school to tell his teacher of the goodness of God to him.

LESSON XXV.

A VERY YOUNG BELIEVER.

1. A minister of the gospel was sitting in his study when he heard the gentle tap of little



fingers at the door. "Come in," he said. A little girl entered in great distress, the tears running down her cheeks.

2. "What ails you, my dear?" said he. "Are you hurt?" "No, it is not that," said she, sobbing more and more. "What is it, then, my dear child?"

3. "Why, Mr. Maclay, I have been sinning and sinning all my life. I have lived seven years in the world and never loved Jesus." As she said this her words were interrupted by sobs. "Do you think Jesus can forgive me and love me?"

4. He told her that Jesus came into the world to seek and to save sinners; and that she might be sure that he would save her if she looked to him.

5. He said that Jesus when he was on earth took up little ones in his arms and blessed them, and that he loved to receive the little ones now.

6. "This little one," said he, in after years, when telling the story, "believed and was saved. She has grown up to be an elderly lady, and has brought up eleven children of her own. All of them, I believe, are Christians."

LESSON XXVI.

THE LORD'S DAY.

1. Robert Miles was once asked by some of his young friends to go out the next Lord's



day and skate with them. He at first told them he could not go. .

2. These boys then began to laugh at him for beginning to be good so early.

3. Poor Robert was like many other boys. He knew he ought not to go ; but he did not like to be laughed at for doing right. He was ashamed to follow Jesus. He ought to have been ashamed to follow these boys in their wrong doing.

4. On the Lord's day morning, instead of going to the Sunday-school, he went with them. As he took down his skates from the wall, he felt very unhappy.

5. As he went towards the river his heart became still more sad. He knew that he was doing wrong. It was a great mercy that he was not left to do wrong without any heaviness of heart.

6. He never had been afraid on the ice before ; but now he was all the time fearful that it would break and let him in. He was very glad to get safely home again.

7. He prayed to the Lord to forgive him. God did forgive him for the sake of Jesus Christ. He never wanted to go skating on the Lord's day again.

LESSON XXVII.

LITTLE JENNIE.



1. Little Jennie was only about eight years old when she first began to think about her sins against God.

2. One day she said to her mother, "Do you think that God will forgive such a wicked girl as I am?"

3. Her mother told her that God was ready to forgive the very chief of sinners.

4. Jennie went away several times to pray to God. At last she came to her mother and said; "I believe that God will forgive me. I know he said so, and he will." She had trusted in Jesus and found peace.

5. As she grew older she loved the Sunday-school very much. A new school was started near her mother's house. She was very anxious that all the children who lived near should attend.

6. She was so anxious for this that she sought out all of her schoolmates who did not attend Sunday-school and invited them to come.

7. Jennie wanted others to learn about Jesus, who had forgiven her sins. Every one that finds Jesus will want to lead others to him.

LESSON XXVIII.

“I LOVE TO READ THE BIBLE.”

1. Amy Steel had been led to put her trust in Jesus when she was very young. She said to her mother one day, “How much I do love to read the Bible now!”



2. “I thought,” answered her mother, “you always liked to read the Bible. You know how many times you have told me so when we have been reading it together in the mornings.”

3. "So I did, mother," replied Amy. "But I never loved it so much before as I do now. It has all seemed new to me since I have really learned that Jesus loves me. I love it now because it tells me so much about him."

4. "Do you think there is any merit in reading it, Amy? You know that Jennie Green felt very proud when she told me that she was reading the Bible all through, and had almost finished the Book of Exodus."

5. "I am sure that I never thought of being proud of reading the Bible," said Amy, "any more than I was proud of reading over and over that nice letter you sent me when you were away. I liked to read it because it was your writing, and because you wrote it to me; and then you know it was so interesting."

6. "I am very glad that you love the Bible so much," said her mother. "And now always remember this: read it every day to learn how the Lord Jesus Christ has shown his great love to you, and to learn what you can do to show your love to him."

LESSON XXIX.

CONFESSING SINS.

1. John Elder one day told a lie to his mother. She did not know that it was a lie; but John did, and it made him very unhappy.



2. When night came, he thought of it, and he felt very miserable. He was afraid to go to bed without kneeling down to pray. But he only prayed to God to forgive all his sins, without saying any thing about this lie that he had told.

3. The next day was the Lord's day. The minister preached from the words, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

4. In the afternoon John's father took him on his knee and asked him if he knew how we were to get the forgiveness of our sins.

5. "Yes, we must confess our sins." "But what is it to confess our sins?" said his father. "To tell God what we have done wrong," was John's reply.

6. In the evening John told his mother that he had not spoken the truth the day before. He was very sorry for it, and his mother forgave him. She then asked him if he had confessed it to God.

7. "Yes," said John: "I told God two or three times what I had done. I did not confess it last night when I prayed; but this afternoon I did. I believe now that God has forgiven me for Christ's sake, because he said he would."

LESSON XXX.

THE RIPE STRAWBERRIES.

1. It was a bright day in the month of June. George Warner went out into the garden. The



ripe strawberries were hanging thickly on their stems. They were very red and pretty.

2. But George had been told by his father not to touch those in the garden. He had as

many as were good for him, when they were brought to the table.

3. George had been taught to obey his father and mother because it was pleasing to the Lord. He was often pointed to what Jesus did when he lived as an obedient child at home.

4. But on this day, when he saw the ripe berries, he thought how nice they were, and how pleasant it would be to pick a very few and eat them.

5. He kneeled down and bent over the berries, but before he plucked any he thought he would see if any one was looking at him. He knew he was doing wrong and was afraid.

6. He looked all around, but there was no one near. He was just going to turn again to pick the berries when he thought of what his father had read to him in the Bible, "Thou God seest me."

7. He drew back at once and got up from his knees. He was sorry that he had yielded so far to the temptation, but was glad that God had stopped him so soon.

LESSON XXXI.

THE BROKEN PITCHER.



1. The mother of Janet Ashley had taught her that she ought to be kind to every one.

She often spoke to her little girl of the great kindness which Jesus showed to others.

2. One day Janet was going to visit her aunt when she saw Mary crying bitterly.

3. "Oh, what shall I do?" she cried. "The pitcher is broken and the milk is all gone. And it was for poor mother, who is so sick."

4. Janet felt very sorry for poor Mary. But she did not go on her way and leave her sad and weeping.

5. "Come home with me, Mary," said she. "I know that mother will give you some milk." So Mary wiped her eyes and went with her. On their way Janet bought a pitcher at the store with some money that her father had given her.

6. Her mother very cheerfully filled the pitcher with nice fresh milk. So Mary went away with a glad heart to her sick mother. And Janet had a glad heart because she saw Mary happy again. And her mother was glad because she saw that Janet was trying to follow the example of Jesus.

LESSON XXXII.

THE STRONG TEMPTATION.

1. Thomas Barton was a young disciple of Christ. Two of his schoolmates had tried in many ways to make him angry. But Thomas



had learned from the words and the example of Jesus to be a lover of peace.

2. One day they were resolved to get him into a quarrel with them. They put the books in his desk all in disorder, and threw his slate and top on the floor.

3. When Thomas saw what had been done it was a great trial to his patience. He felt tempted at first to turn on the two boys with angry words.

4. But on looking round he saw that they were eagerly watching him. He thought also that God was looking down on him.

5. He therefore kept his lips closed and lifted his heart to God for help to bear this trial meekly. His angry feelings were gone in a moment when he thought of Jesus.

6. The two boys, when they saw that he did not say any thing, began to taunt him. He did not answer them, but turned and went away out of the room, and did not come back until the teacher had arrived.

7. When he came back into the school room he found that his slate and top had been put in his desk again. He was thankful that God had helped him to avoid the snare which these boys had laid for him.

LESSON XXXIII.

A KIND AND TIMELY ACT.



1. A lad was once walking along a railroad when he saw that a rail was loose, and had been pushed from its place.

2. He at once saw that there was great danger, and that something must be done to prevent an accident; for he knew that it was nearly the time for the passing of an express train.

3. His mind was made up at once. He ran on as far as he could to meet the train. He wanted to stop it before it came too near to the place of danger.

4. When the train came along, the engineer saw the lad running with both his hands up, making motions for him to stop. He could not see any danger himself, but he thought the boy would not act in such a manner without good reason.

5. He therefore stopped the train at once, and the conductor ran forward to ask what was the matter.

6. He soon saw the danger, and the passengers all thanked the boy whose presence of mind and kind care had saved them from a fearful accident.

LESSON XXXIV.

NEVER FIGHT.



1. "You are a coward, Bill Clark. You are a great coward." Such were the words of Philip Waters, while making motions as if he were about to strike William.

2. "No," said William. "I am not a coward. But I cannot fight. That, you know, would be wrong."

3. "Yes, that is always the way. You pretend to be very good. But you know you got above me in class to-day, just because I happened to forget those answers. And now you won't fight me for it."

4. "No," said William, "I cannot fight you for that nor for any thing else. You know Mr. Brooks told us last Sunday that it is not right to fight."

5. Charles had been very ready to see a fight. But now he felt that William was right.

6. "Come, Philip," he said, "come away. You know that of course Bill was put above you when you missed. If he had missed you would have gone above him."

7. Philip was now getting over his anger. So he went away. Jesus says, "Blessed are the peacemakers."

LESSON XXXV.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY.



1. Sarah Norton was one day reading in the New Testament that Jesus with seven loaves and a few small fishes fed four thousand men, besides women and children.

2. "How I wish that I could feed so many so easily," said Sarah. "Which would you rather imitate," said her mother, "the miracle of Jesus, or his kindness to the hungry?"

3. "I should like to do both. But I was thinking more about the power which made so little food feed so many."

4. "You ought to think more about his kindness," said her mother; "for that you can imitate every day."

5. "I have read of this miracle often," said Sarah; "but I never thought that any thing I could do would be at all like what Jesus did."

6. "Suppose you go down to visit poor Mrs. Little this afternoon. She has been very ill. If you take a basket of food to her and her boys, will it not be doing for them what Jesus did for the multitude?"

7. That afternoon Sarah carried a well-filled basket to Mrs. Little and her two hungry boys. They were made glad; and she was happy in trying to do as Jesus did.

LESSON XXXVI.

“CHEATING NEVER PROSPERS.”

1. “Cheating never prospers,” cried out Peter Bayne, as he with other boys were play-



ing at marbles. He thought that James Marshall had been trying to cheat in their play.

2. Mr. Roberts was passing by and heard what Peter said. He knew the boys and so drew near. “Suppose cheating did prosper,”

said he. "Would any of you be willing to cheat? What do you think, Peter?"

3. "I have always heard, sir, that it never did prosper. Father says that a cheat is sure to lose in the end."

4. "Do you remember any place in the Bible where it is said, 'Cheating never prospers?'"

5. "No, sir," said Peter, "I do not. Indeed, I never thought of looking there for it."

6. "The Bible forbids all cheating," said Mr. Roberts, "because it is a sin. It is a sin for a boy to cheat in playing marbles as well as for a man to cheat in business."

7. "It is only selfish and wicked people who cheat. The Lord Jesus Christ never cheated any one, did he?" "Oh, no, sir," said all the boys at once.

8. "Never forget that, my young friends. If you try to be like him you will never cheat, no matter how much it may seem for a time to prosper."

LESSON XXXVII.

SULKING.

1. Why is Sarah standing there,
Leaning down upon a chair,
With such an angry lip and brow?
I wonder what's the matter now.



2. Sarah was sulking. She was a vain little girl, and she did not like to hear any thing about her many faults. When her mother told

her that she was very slow about her work she became angry.

3. If her little brother or sister had told her the same thing, she would have struck them; but she did not dare to strike her mother. So she showed her anger towards her by sulking.

4. Sarah had really been very slow with her work, and had not done it at all well. She had been busy thinking of something else besides her sewing.

5. This was all wrong. If she had not been so proud, she would have been ready to confess her fault when her mother spoke to her.

6. If she had done so she might now be feeling quite happy, and her face might be covered with bright smiles.

7. But instead of this she is making herself ugly and miserable, and is making the heart of her mother heavy with sorrow. Poor child! how foolish and how wicked!

LESSON XXXVIII.

TEASING.

1. There are some children who find a great delight in teasing others. They think it fine



fun to make others angry. It is a wicked and cruel habit.

2. Little Sophie had not as fine clothes as

some of her young schoolmates. Her mother was poor.

3. There were three girls in the school very fond of teasing her. They wore better clothes than she did, yet they were not as kind and patient as she was; and they forgot that God judges of people by their hearts, and not by their clothes.

4. These girls one day began to tease her as you see in the picture. One of them took the cloth with which she was wiping the desks, another took her feather duster and shook it at her. They tried in various ways to put her in a passion.

5. But Sophie was one who loved the Lord Jesus. She tried with the help of God to bear all their teasing with patience.

6. God saw what these three girls were doing. Did it please him? No, he is never pleased with those who tempt others to sin. But he was pleased when Sophie tried to keep down anger; for he loves to see the young striving against sin.

LESSON XXXIX.

SWEAR NOT AT ALL.



1. John Bunyan was the author of the Pilgrim's Progress. When he was a boy he formed the habit of swearing, and continued it after he grew to be a man.

2. One afternoon, standing at a neighbor's shop window, he began to curse and swear after

such a manner that the woman of the house came out to reprove him.

3. She told him it made her tremble to hear him. "You're enough," she said, "to spoil all the youth of the town, if they come but in your company."

4. This reproof came from a woman who was herself wicked and ungodly. It made John Bunyan stop swearing. He hung down his head, "wishing with all his heart he were a little child again, that his father might teach him how to speak without swearing."

5. Such was the wish of the wicked, swearing man. Yet many of the young take great pains to learn how to swear.

6. The Lord Jesus has said, "Swear not at all." Those who obey him will never begin to swear. Then they will never form that sinful habit.

7. John Bunyan found forgiveness when he confessed his sin, and he was cleansed by the blood of Jesus. But he never thought of his great sin without shame and sorrow.

LESSON XL.

THE RUM JUG.

1. The grandfather of these boys kept a rum jug in his barn, and used to go out there to drink. He did not like to bring it into his



house and drink openly there; for he knew it was wrong, and he felt ashamed of his bad habit.

2. His wife was very sorry that he had become a drunkard. So she told her grandsons one day to look for the jug and take it away.

3. They searched the barn until they found the hidden jug. Then they took it down to the creek and poured out all the rum. After this they washed out the jug and hid it under the bridge that was near.

4. Their grandfather was very much surprised when he found that the jug had been taken away. He searched for it a long time, and then sat down on an old plough to think.

5. As he sat thinking his sin came to mind. He remembered, too, that God had said, No drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God. He cried to the Lord Jesus Christ to save him from his sin.

6. He read the words of Jesus and believed, in him. He did not want now to drink rum; for he had been led to drink of the living water that Jesus gives, and was satisfied.

LESSON XLI.

THE PAGODA.



1. Burmah is a country of Asia. The people do not worship the true God. They do not look to the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

They worship a false god whom they call Gaudama.

2. They do not build churches like ours. Instead of these they erect what they call pagodas on almost every hilltop. These pagodas are not made like our houses so that people can go into them. They worship on the outside, not in the inside, as we do.

3. There was once a young Burmese in the city of Rangoon who knew that he was a sinner, and who wanted to have his sins taken away. He used to go up to the pagoda and hang up little flags on the outside.

4. He had been taught that there was great merit in this; and he hoped that by so doing the bad feeling would be taken out of his heart. But it never made him feel any happier.

5. At last he heard a missionary talking about Jesus. He learned that Jesus died for our sins, and that his blood cleanses from all sin.

6. This was what he wanted. He believed in Jesus. The burden of his sin was taken away and he had peace with God.

LESSON XLII.

THE BURMAN BOY.

1. While the Burmese build pagodas, the missionaries, who preach the gospel, build



chapels. They are generally much like those in the picture.

2. In these chapels the missionaries teach the people about Jesus the Saviour.

3. One day a little boy named MOUNG MOUNG came by a chapel with his heathen father. He cried out, "Look, papa, there is Jesus Christ's man." He came by often, and at last spoke to the missionary.

4. His father at length came with him one day and said, "My little boy has heard of you, and is anxious to learn more about Jesus Christ." So the missionary told him a great deal about Jesus.

5. MOUNG MOUNG was much pleased, and cried out, "Papa, papa, hear him! Let us both love the Lord Jesus Christ."

6. A short time after a messenger came for the missionary at midnight. He was wanted at the house of the boy's father. He found it was a house of sorrow. MOUNG MOUNG had just died of cholera.

7. A woman who was with him said, "He trusted in Jesus Christ. He called on Jesus and he was answered. He was weary and in pain, and the Lord who loved him took him home to be a little lamb in his bosom forever."

LESSON XLIII.

DR. JUDSON AND HIS BABE.



1. Dr. Judson was a missionary in Burmah. He went to that country a great many years ago to preach the gospel.

2. At one time he and the other missionaries were all cast into prison and kept there a long time. He was put in irons. There are irons on his wrists and on his ankles. It is only by taking very short steps that he can walk.

3. The mother of his poor little babe is very ill and cannot take care of it. Mr. Judson has bribed the jailor: he has thus got leave to go out and beg a little food for his babe from the Burmese women in the village.

4. He bore all these trials that he might preach Jesus to the poor heathen: he himself had been saved by the mercy of Jesus Christ, and he wanted others to be saved by him also.

Shall we, whose souls are lighted

By wisdom from on high,

Shall we, to men benighted,

The light of life deny?

Salvation, oh, salvation!

The joyful sound proclaim,

Till earth's remotest nation

Has learned Messiah's name.

LESSON XLIV.

AN EAGER INQUIRER.



1. Many years ago a lady was sitting in the verandah of her house in Burmah. She was busy reading.

2. Suddenly, a boy about twelve years old came running towards her in a very eager manner. He spoke to her at once.

3. "Does Jesus Christ live here? Does he live here? for I want to confess to him." She asked him what he wanted to confess.

4. "Why, I tell lies, I steal, I do every thing bad. I am afraid of going to hell, and I want to see Jesus Christ, for I have heard that he can save us."

5. He went on to say, "I want to stop doing wickedly, but I cannot stop. The evil thoughts come in, and the bad deeds come of evil thoughts. What can I do? Oh, tell me where I can find Christ!"

6. The lady told him that he could not see Jesus. She also told him what Jesus had done to save just such sinners as he was, and how willing he was to save him from his sins.

7. The poor lad listened eagerly. He trusted in Jesus as his Saviour. He lived to be a man and at last died and went to be with Jesus.

LESSON XLV.

THE TWO CHIEFS.

1. Two chiefs of the Mongol Tartars once visited Russia to examine the arts and manners of the people. They lived in Asia, on the borders of the great Chinese Empire.



2. While they were staying in Russia a good minister of the gospel saw them, and became anxious that their people should have some books to teach them about Jesus Christ.

3. He asked the chiefs if they would help him to prepare a translation of the four gospels into their own language. They consented to do so, and came very often to his study for this purpose.

4. After the work was done the two chiefs sat one day silent and serious. The minister noticed it, and asked them what they were thinking of.

5. "At home," they said, "we studied the sacred books of the Chinese. The more we read the more hard they were to be understood.

6. "But the more we read the gospel the more simple and clear it becomes. At last it seems to me as if Jesus himself were talking to us."

7. It is a great blessing that the word of God is so clear and simple. Even very young children have found it easy to understand the way of salvation. Many such have learned that they are sinners, and that Jesus is a Saviour able to save them.

POETICAL LESSONS.

LESSON XLVI.

HEATHEN WORSHIP.



1. Unnumbered thousands never heard
Of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Nor of the promises revealed
In his most holy word.

2. To reptiles and to beasts they bow,
Idols of wood and stone,
And give to them the prayers and praise
Due to our God alone.
 3. They do not know that Jesus died
To save us from our sins,
That God through him is reconciled,
And Christ our pardon wins.
 4. The Gospel's sweet and joyful sound
Their ears have never heard :
Shall we not haste to send to them
Our God's most holy word ?
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MORNING HYMN.

1. Father, thou hast heard my prayer,
And I own thy tender care ;
For by thee in safety kept,
I have laid me down and slept.
2. Teach me now my heart to raise
In a morning hymn of praise ;
And, for Jesus' sake, I pray,
Bless and keep me through the day.

LESSON XLVII.

THE HEATHEN MOTHER.



1. See that heathen mother stand
Where the sacred current flows ;
With her own maternal hand
Mid the waves her babe she throws.
2. Hark ! I hear the piteous scream ;
Frightful monsters seize their prey,
Or the dark and bloody stream
Bears the struggling child away.

“THOU GOD SEEST ME.”

1. I'm not too young for God to see;
 He knows my name and nature too;
And all day long he looks at me,
 And sees my actions through and through.
2. He listens to the words I say,
 And knows the thoughts I have within;
And whether I'm at work or play,
 He's sure to see me if I sin.
3. Then, when I want to do amiss,
 However pleasant it may be,
I'll always try to think of this—
 I'm not too young for God to see.



LESSON XLVIII.

MY LITTLE BROTHER.



1. Little brother, darling boy,
 You are very dear to me;
 I am happy, full of joy,
 When your smiling face I see.

2. How I wish that you could speak,
 And could know the words I say;
 Pretty stories I would seek
 To amuse you every day.

3. All about the honey-bees,
Flying past us in the sun ;
Birds that sing among the trees,
Lambs that in the meadows run.

4. I'll be very kind to you,
Never strike or make you cry,
As some naughty children do,
Quite forgetting God is nigh.

5. Shake your rattle—here it is—
Listen to its merry noise ;
And when you are tired of this,
I will bring you other toys.



LESSON XLIX.

HEATHEN CHILDREN.



1. With eager looks the children come
 To hear of Jesus' glorious name;
In heathen lands and here at home,
 The blessed story is the same.
2. The story of the Saviour's love,
 Who died that we might be forgiven,
And left his shining home above,
 That sinners might be brought to heaven.

THE YOUNG PILGRIM.

1. Thou blessed Jesus, pity me,
 A little pilgrim child :
Help me to love and follow thee,
 Unfearing undefiled.
2. They say the world is full of sin,
 More full than I can tell :
Teach me its journey to begin,
 So that I end it well.
3. Thou art so kind that I may call
 Thee Father, and my Friend ;
So great, thou knowest, seest all,
 And canst from harm defend.
4. Then keep me loving, humble, true :
 Be thou my pattern, Lord ;
And guide me all life's dangers through,
 By thy most holy word.

LESSON L.

“LOOK UNTO ME AND BE YE SAVED.”



1. Children, you have gone astray,
Far from God and peace and heaven :
Would you leave that dangerous way ?
Would you have your sins forgiven ?
Christ can all your sins forgive :
Look to Jesus, look and live !

2. Children, you have sinful hearts :
Jesus Christ can make you whole ;
He can cleanse your inward parts,
Sanctify and save your soul.
Jesus a new heart can give :
Look to Jesus, look and live !
3. Children, you may shortly die :
Jesus died your souls to save :
If you to the Saviour fly,
You shall live beyond the grave.
Life eternal he will give :
Look to Jesus, look and live.
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EVENING HYMN.

1. At the close of every day,
Lord, to thee I kneel and pray.
Look upon thy little child :
Look in love and mercy mild.
2. O, forgive and wash away
All my naughtiness this day !
And, both when I sleep and wake,
Bless me, for my Saviour's sake.



LESSON L.

THE LAW.

1. And Moses called all Israel, and said unto them: Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and keep and do them.

2. I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

3. I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

4. II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

5. III. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

6. IV. Remember the Sabbath-day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son nor thy daughter, thy man-servant nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath-day and hallowed it.

7. V. Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

8. VI. Thou shalt not kill.

9. VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

10. VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

11. IX. Thou shalt nor bear false witness against thy neighbor.

12. X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house: thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

13. Now we know that what things soever the Law saith, it saith to them who are under the Law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

14. Therefore by the deeds of the Law there

shall no flesh be justified in his sight, for by the Law is the knowledge of sin.

15. For as many as are of the works of the Law, are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the Law to do them.

16. For whosoever shall keep the whole Law and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

17. The carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

18. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.





LESSON LI.

THE GOSPEL.

1. The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
2. Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.
3. For God so loved the world that he gave

his only begotten Son: that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

4. For when we were yet without strength in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

5. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

6. But God commendeth his love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

7. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

8. But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

9. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved.)

10. That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace, in his kindness towards us through Christ Jesus.

11. For by grace are ye saved through faith

and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

12. This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.

13. God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

14. Whoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

15. Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house.

16. Your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

17. Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

18. Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree.

19. Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.

20. By his own blood he entered in once

into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

21. Being now justified by his blood we shall be saved from wrath through him.

22. When he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.

23. He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

24. The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth from all sin.

25. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners of whom I am chief.

26. I came not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

27. Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

28. Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.

29. There is therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit.

LESSON LII.

THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

The Bible is divided into two parts. The first of these is called the Old Testament, and



was all written before the coming of Christ into the world. The second is called the New

Testament, and was written after he died and rose again.



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